

REMARKS

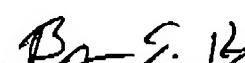
The Office Action mailed August 29, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and, in view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 49-62 are currently pending in the application, with claim 49 being the sole independent claim. The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that independent claim 49 is allowable. In addition, the Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 50-62, which depend from independent claim 49, should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in a condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejections be withdrawn and that this application now be allowed.

This Amendment is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on December 5, 2005. Should additional fees or an extension of time be deemed necessary for consideration of this Amendment, such fees or extension are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment. If anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

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